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TO : Chief, WE

DATE 7 August 1953

FROM : [ ]

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— PARSIMONY

SPECIFIC— Operation VENUS

Reference: DIR-14000

1. Attached are the original and translation of the latest reports on scheduled meeting between KOVACS and PETER.
2. This report is of interest as it was the first meeting at which KOVACS did not appear. As mentioned in the report, he had been preparing PETER for this possibility in their last two meetings. This fact in turn, which was indicated in the reports on those meetings, might give another reading to para. 2 of DIR-14000. Hence, it was considered advisable to cable a resume of this report -- see [ ] 777.

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Attachments:

- A. VENUS report in English
- B. Raw report in French

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SCHEDULED MEETING BETWEEN PETER AND KOVACS -- 8 July 1953

1. A meeting between PETER and KOVACS was scheduled for Wednesday, 8 July at 1930 hours. PETER was there at the time and place agreed on, but no one was there to meet him. After waiting twelve minutes, PETER left, concluding that the break had come.
2. This possible break in continuity had been mentioned by KOVACS in the last two meetings -- 25 May 1953 and 10 June 1953. KOVACS at the latter meeting had given money (3000 BF) to PETER although the latter had no expenses to pay, "in case there was to be a break, and so that you won't be without money."
3. PETER was not to expect any advance notice that the break would take place. He was to go to the meeting place at the agreed time, wait ten minutes and then leave. He should then wait until a meeting was called in the agreed manner when he is to go to a safe place (Galerie Metropole) with a password for a possible successor to KOVACS.
4. During the interruption, PETER is to live a normal life, not changing his habits, coming every now and then to Brussels, but is strictly forbidden, at all costs, to have any contact with the Hungarian Legation.

NOTE: KOVACS has not left Brussels but is still at the Legation.

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Opération "VENUS"

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Le mercredi, 8 juillet 1953, à 19 H.30, devait avoir lieu un contact entre KOVACS, et "Peter". A l'heure dite et à l'endroit convenu (coin de la Place de la Reine et de la rue de Beughem - sous l'horloge) "Peter" ne rencontra personne au rendez-vous. Après avoir attendu une douzaine de minutes, "Peter" quitta les lieux, concluant que le moment de l'interruption était venu.

Cette interruption avait été annoncée par KOVACS successivement les 25.5.53 et 10.6.53. Celui-ci avait remis de l'argent à "Peter", alors que celui-ci n'avait pas de débours à effectuer, soit 3.000 frs au cas "où l'interruption aurait lieu et pour ne pas être sans argent".

"Peter" ne devait pas s'attendre à être averti que l'interruption aurait lieu. Il devait se présenter à l'heure du rendez-vous, attendre dix minutes, puis disparaître. Il doit ensuite attendre la convocation conventionnelle et se présenter au lieu de sécurité (Galerie Métropole) en possession d'un mot de passe pour un successeur éventuel.

Durant l'interruption, "Peter" devra poursuivre sa vie normalement, ne rien changer à ses habitudes, faire de temps à autre une apparition à Bruxelles, mais il lui est strictement interdit, en aucun cas, de se mettre en rapport avec la Légation.

NOTE : KOVACS n'a pas quitté Bruxelles; il est toujours en fonction à la Légation.

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